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WESTS holds two general membership meetings each year--one in the spring and the other in the fall (usually at the annual coin show of the Delta Coin Club, Stockton, Cal.). Additionally, local membership meetings are arranged often by various members; notice of these meetings is publicized in the LEDGER. All interested persons are invited to attend any of our meetings.

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APRIL 2--Sunday. Regional WESTS meeting at the home of John Reynolds, 458 W. San Jose, Clovis, Cal. For those of you not familiar with California geography, Clovis is located in the Fresno vicinity. If you need directions, you can call John at 209-299-2703. It has been a while since we have had a meeting in this area, so a lot of new material can be expected. As well, John is an avid collector of postcards, and so are some of the other people expected to be there. Therefore, both tokens and postcards should command attention at this meeting, which will start at noon and run until 5 PM.

APRIL 22--Saturday. WESTS SEMI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the 62nd semi-annual convention of the California State Numismatic Association at the Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness at Geary, San Francisco. Our meeting will begin at 3 PM in Cathedral Hill Room B. Preceeding the WESTS meeting, starting at 1 PM, will be a gathering of the California Exonumia Society, same location. Charlie Kappen is scheduled to give a talk on California trade tokens at that meeting which is open to visitors. Many of our members are planning to attend both meetings. Enclosed with this issue is a card advertising the CSNA show to serve as a reminder to you.

MAY 20--Saturday. Regional WESTS meeting at the home of Ron Lerch, 2901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento. The usual starting time of noon will prevail, and these meetings usual last until about 5 PM. For directions, call Ron at 916-447-0753. In addition to trade tokens, postcards and collectable paper material will be featured.

JUNE ??. Regional WESTS meeting in Carson City. Details of this meeting are yet to be arranged, but this meeting is always well attended and a highlight of the year. More on this next issue, hopefully.

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March 22. I had hoped to get this issue out long before this time, but it has been delayed for a variety of reasons. Fortunately, there is almost enough material on hand to do another issue right away which would get things caught up to date. So, if you have ads, articles or whatever, please send them to Duane Feisel quickly. My plan is to get out another issue in the next couple of weeks. - DHF

= LONG BEACH REPORT =
by Duane H. Feisel

In conjunction with the Long Beach Stamp & Coin Exposition held February 2 to 5, Paul Koppenhaver had arranged a special exonumia section. It is my understanding that neither the collector or dealer response to these special arrangements have been sufficiently great to offer encouragement for their continuation at future shows.

I drove down to Long Beach once again to attend the show, but located only a few unexciting items on the floor. There was one large postcard dealer there who offered material at reasonable prices, so I was able to buy quite a few California viewcards. Business seemed to be brisk for the coin dealers, and most tables were filled. Few of these dealers had exonumia material, however.

One of the main reasons for attending the show was the outstanding selection of California trade tokens offered in the Koppenhaver auction on Saturday afetrnoon. There was more bidding competition from the floor this time compared to the previous Long Beach sale, and prices realized seemed to be as ridiculously high as the last time were ridiculously low! For example, the first item in the sale, an unlisted piece from Cambria (didn't even say Cal.!) brought $42.00. $26.50 for a Fort Bragg token, $36 and $38 each for three different Sausalito pieces, and similar high prices prevailed. Still, there were a few pieces that went for what I consider quite reasonable prices: unlisted Simons at $40, Cement at $15, Hercules at $19, and Reward at $42.

Top price was bid on the Reddick Hotel token from Fourth Crossing, finally knocked down at $180 to a mail bidder (I was told the top mail bid was substantially higher than that!). To the best of my knowledge, this is the top price ever paid for a California trade token, exceeding the $175 paid for a San Simeon saloon token at a Koppenhaver auction a few years ago.

Although the future for a special exonumia section at the Long Beach Expo is uncertain now, Koppenhaver indicated that he expected to continue holding an auction during that show.

HELP NEEDED: - The past couple issues sent to WESTS member ROBERT E. WHITE, Rt. 9 El-Mar, Missoula, MT 59801, have been returned by the Post Office as "undeliverable as addressed--unable to forward." Does anyone have a new address for Mr. White?

**********SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**********
by Duane H. Feisel

Still lacking a full-time secretary-treasurer, I am preparing this report. Bill Williges Jr. has not yet taken a permanent job position, and Hal Dunn continues to aid with matters pertaining to this office. I am trying to keep records, issue membership tokens, etc., so please send all dues payments to me (checks should be made out to Western States Token Society). Let's wish Bill Williges Jr. good fortune in finding a job soon!

NEW MEMBERSHIPS FOR 1978

An error was made in the October 1977 issue in assigning membership numbers. A previous new member (information below) had not been entered into the records. Thus, the numbers given last issue should all be advanced by one.

#223 OLIVER G. KUNKLE, 4200 Line Drive, Carson City, NV 89701 (joined in 1977). Collects: tokens and coins in general found by metal detector
#224 MERLIN R. NULL (see October 1977 issue)
#225 JIM WRIGHT (")
#226 ALL F. KNOTTS (")
#227 NOEL LA DUE (")
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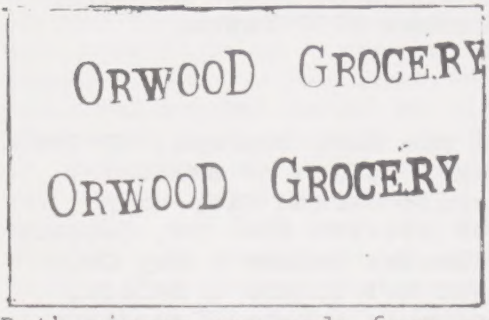
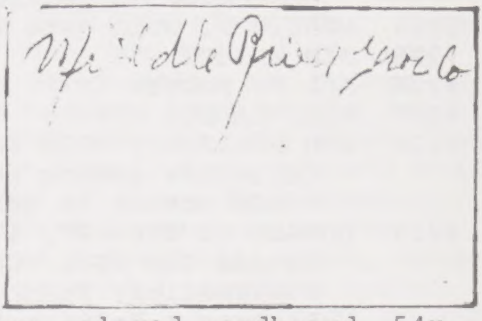
DUES, DUES, DUES: - Quite a few 1977 WESTS members have not yet sent in dues payment for 1978. Names are listed elsewhere in this issue where the roster is discussed. Unless you pay 1978 dues, this will be the last issue of THE LEDGER you will receive.

= "TOKENS" FROM ORWOOD AND MIDDLE RIVER, CALIFORNIA =

by Duane H. Feisel

At the coin show of the Delta Coin Club in Stockton, when WESTS held its fall membership meeting, I was directed to one of the exhibitors, Walter G. Gerth, by Ron Lerch. It seems that Mr. Gerth had bought at a garage sale a quantity of cardboard chits, examples of which are shown below.





Both pieces are made from green colored cardboard, 54x 33 mm. "Orwood Grocery" is rubber stamped, while "Middle River Groc Co" is hand written in pencil. Mr. Gerth gave me a pair of the chits with the promise that I would research them and let him know of my findings. The only information he had was that the chits were used by a family named Rasmussen for floating grocery stores.

It did not take much looking to learn that Orwood and Middle River were small communities located along the right of way of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad running west out of Stockton toward Antioch. It is my understanding that facilities still exist at either or both locations which service boating enthusiasts.

The exact locations of these communities has been a bit more difficult to establish, but Ron Lerch obtained a map circa 1955 which shows Middle River on the east bank of Middle River in San Joaquin County, and Orwood on the west bank of Old River in Contra Costa County, separated by about two miles, with a waterway between the two towns. The map also shows Woodward, located on the east bank of Old River in San Joaquin County, across from Orwood.

Reference to Frickstad's "A Century of California Post Offices 1848 to 1954" provided some confusing and conflicting information. For Orwood, it is indicated that the former post office name was Woodward, the Orwood PO was established December 4, 1913, and was discontinued November 30, 1921, when mail was then sent to Middle River.

Woodward is listed by Frickstad under Contra Costa County as being established May 27, 1901, discontinued December 4, 1913 to Orwood. A note states "Moved from San Joaquin County, probably 15 March 1913." Under San Joaquin County, Woodward is listed as being established May 27, 1901, with a note "Into Contra Costa County."

The Middle River post office was formerly called Moorland, established July 21, 1902, renamed Middle River on July 1, 1915. The Middle River PO was finally discontinued on June 2, 1944, and mail thereafter sent to Holt.

Other small communities west of Stockton on the AT&SF included Gillis, Holt, Middle River, Orwood, Bixler, Knightsen and Oakley. Woodward was not shown on the 1915 map.

The 1920 Dun & Bradstreet Directory under Orwood lists a C.P. Rasmussen, grocery; this confirms the information obtained by Mr. Gerth, and establishes a time frame for when the chits could have been used. Rasmussen is not listed in the 1914 or 1915 business directories, nor in the 1934 directory.

There is one very rare token known from Woodward, as shown here.

Interestingly enough, the only listing I can find for O.Y. Woodward is in 1914 for a general store in Orwood! The 1914 directory carries no listings for Woodward, while the 1920 directory carries one listing for an asparagus and potato wholesale company, and a notation of the Orwood postoffice for Woodward.

While not quite the same as a metal token, or even a specially imprinted cardboard chit, these two items have a welcome spot in my collection. I do not know the exact quantities found originally, but Mr. Gerth still has three Orwood and 19 Middle River pieces remaining on hand. Mr. Gerth asked me to pass along to him the names of any collectors who might be interested in these unusual items.

CATALOGUE OF CALIFORNIA BICENTENNIAL TOKENS AND MEDALS: The rough draft of the listings for this work has been completed, and is being checked for errors and additions be Steve Album. Steve may also have started, or is ready to start, the photography. Each different medal, whenever a specimen is available, will be pictured except for the Patrick Mint items. Information is still missing for many pieces, and we are trying to include as much as possible. The copy preparation is being done on word processing equipment so that last minute additions can be made easily. - DHF

ROSTER TO BE READY SOON: - On the page following is a sample of what a page in the new WESTS membership roster will look like. Information for all members paid to date for 1978 has been entered into word processing equipment in preparation for typing the final copy. It is still possible to include those who have not yet paid or who have not supplied roster information.

According to records I have, the following 1977 WESTS members have not yet paid dues for 1978: Posthumus, Noll, Dunn, Schmidtmann, Earl, Riggs, Moore, Stanley, McCollum, Price, Mishler, Ballard, Magnuson, White, Christiano, Corpuz, Zervas, Erquiaga, Nopel, Kriete, Heinzmann, Hetherington, Heald, Roger Williams, Gammill, Vasquez, Tanenbaum, Weiss, Schenkman. If your name is listed here and you wish to continue receiving THE LEDGER and be listed in the roster, please send in your dues check and information sheet now. This will be the last issue of the LEDGER for those not paid up for 1978.

The following have paid dues for 1978, but have not supplied roster information: Balkan, Bary Bender (METCA), Cooney, Davis, Gazsi, Heath, Lea, Moreno, Reynolds, Roza, Walter Wright. If you send information soon, it can be incorporated!

The new roster will also carry advertising; the cost is the same as advertising in the LEDGER (see inside front cover). Since the roster will be kept and used many times, the advertising may be very worthwhile. The following indicated previously they wished to place ads: Dunn, Lerch, Rasmussen, Feisel, Davis, Williges, Hartzog. It is requested that these persons reconfirm their desire for advertising, and indicate if the previously supplied ad copy should be used. Anyone else wishing to place an ad should submit copy and payment promptly. I expect to have the roster ready for printing by the end of April. - DHF

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Mother Lode: tokens; wooden nickels; dog licenses

GEORGE P. CHATHAM #160
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MS trade tokens; MS transportation tokens

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Tokens from towns in SD, ND & NE; circus, show & carnival tokens; old military tokens; billiard supplier tokens; Chas. Pick & Son tokens

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MI: "good fors"; transportation; Civil War; everything else metal

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Foreign coins; tokens & medals of NV; Ellery Queen mystery magazines

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213-445-7053
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FORREST DUNHAM
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SEATTLE, WA 98133
206-364-2527
WA trade tokens; AK trade tokens; saloon tokens any state

AN UNCOMMON BLACK MANTEL CLOCK

by Stan Krongold (NY)

I recently acquired a rather interesting clock which, at first glance, appears to be one of the multitude of black mantel clocks commonly found in the run-of-the-mill antiques shop. Upon closer inspection, the features that set this clock apart from the rest become apparent. These are the coin slot on the top and the coin return cup on the side (Figures 1 and 2). The clock has been described in Palmer's *Treasury of American Clocks* (pg. 263, photo number 453) as a gambling clock designed to accept $2½ gold pieces.

Reading through the patent letters, which will be quoted later, there does not seem to be any mention of the use of a $2½ gold piece with this clock, and as a matter of fact, the tripping mechanism would have to be modified to accept it. A $2½ gold piece is about the size of a dime, and the works are designed to accept a coin the size of a nickel. The patent drawings (Figures 7 and 8) substantiate this by showing a five-cent piece in the slot and coin reservoir.

I was so intrigued with the clock and its unusual coin-dispensing mechanism that I decided to try to learn a little as to its original use and some information as to its manufacturer. I wrote to Orville Hagans for any help he could provide, since the clock illustrated in Palmer's book was in the Hagans Clock Manor Museum. His clock bears the name of the Loheide Company, St. Louis, Missouri, as the manufacturer. He told me that he had seen a few of these clocks and that they all used a lever escapement, balance wheel, time movement made by several different companies such as Ingraham, Sessions and Seth Thomas, with the coin-dispensing mechanisms being the same in each case. My clock has the same type balance wheel, 8-day movement with no maker's name on it. As a matter of fact, there is no marking on the clock except the printing shown in Figure 3 which has been glued to the dial. This indicates that the clock, or more likely, the coin-dispensing mechanism was made and added to the clockworks and case by the William M. White Company, St. Louis, Missouri. To date, the information on hand indicates that at least two companies manufactured this type of clock: Loheide Mfg. Company and William M. White Company — both of which were located in St. Louis. Efforts to learn anything of these two companies as to what their main products were, since they obviously were not one of the major clock manufacturing firms of the time, has turned up very little.

Obtaining copies of the patents referenced on the dial of the clock, I learned that the coin-dispensing mechanism was invented by W. C. Jones. His first patent (May 9, 1905) was a different design than my clock, as can be seen by comparing the inside of my clock (Figure 4) with the patent drawings (Figures 5 and 6) which show that a manually operated plunger had to be pushed in to initiate the action after the coin had been inserted in the slot. On August 14, 1906, Jones received his second patent (Figures 7 and 8) which allowed for auto-

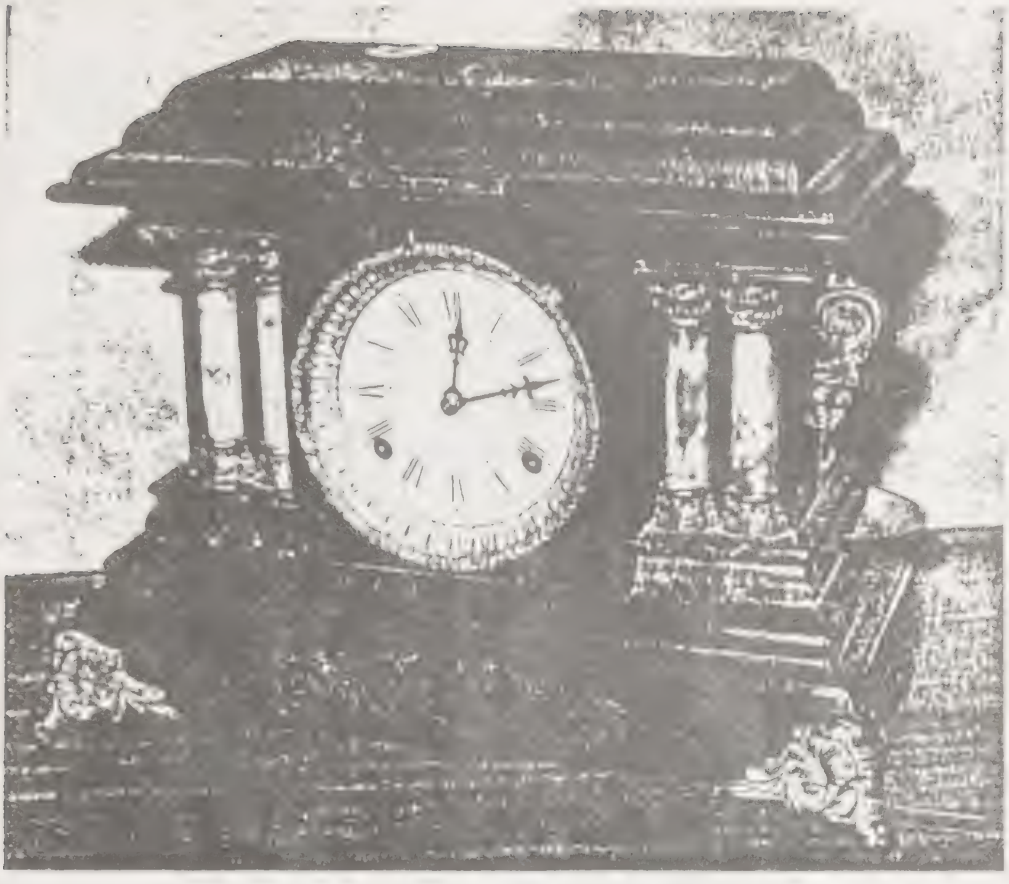

Fig. 1 Black mantel clock with coin mechanism. Slot for coin insertion can be seen on top Patent information on front of clock top

matic operation once the coin had been dropped in the slot and that is exactly the mechanism used in the clock I have. In the St. Louis City Directory, a Johnson-Loheide Manufacturing Company, which manufactured cigars, was listed as having been in business from 1907 through 1912. There was no listing for a William M. White Company, but William M. White was listed in 1913 as being connected with the Loheide Manufacturing Company. The following assumptions are made from the scanty historical facts available: William M. White was probably employed by the Johnson-Loheide Manufacturing Company and thought of the use of the clock, with its unique coin- or token-dispensing feature, in a cigar store to stimulate the sale of cigars. This assumption can be somewhat substantiated by the following which is a quote from the May 9, 1905, patent letters:

The invention contemplates the provision of a machine adapted to be actuated by a coin or check to eject indicators which will designate a desired number of articles, such as cigars, to which the holder of the same is entitled in consideration for the previously deposited actuating coin or price paid for the actuating check. The machine is by preference constructed to make sales or deliver the articles at wholesale rates. For instance, as the ordinary five cent cigar is sold at the rate of six for twenty-five cents, the several parts of the mechanism are so proportioned and operatively associated that during a certain number of sales made by the machine, each for a given price or consideration, there will be at predetermined periods an over or extra delivery of goods or checks

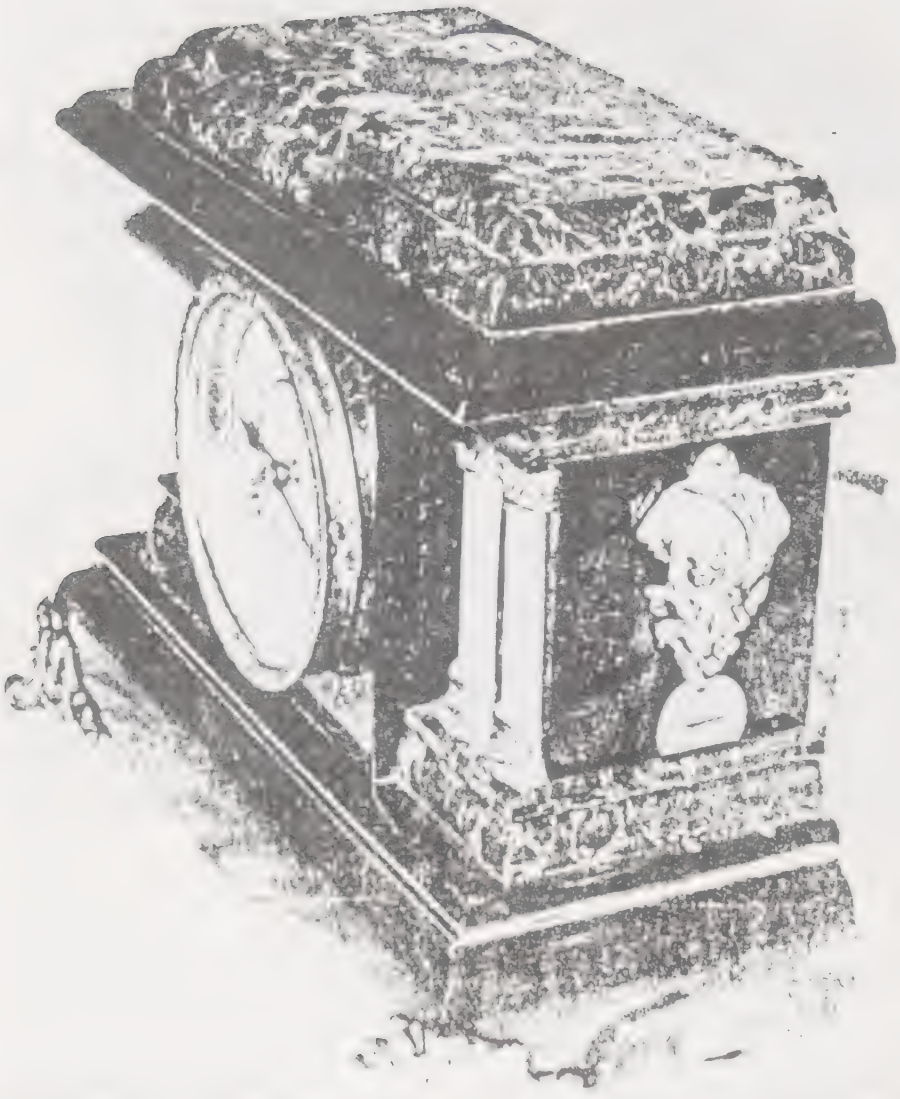

Fig. 2 Side view of token-dispensing clock. Coin insertion slot can be seen on top; token-dispensing slot is on near side. This clock has identification with patent information on dial

therefore, which will be in the nature of a surprise premium to the particular purchasers operating the machine at such time. The sales however, are so made that every purchaser gets the usual value for his money, say one cigar for five cents, while the lucky purchaser or purchasers may get two, three, or any predetermined number of said cigars in addition to the usual one constituting the premium before referred to. These premium articles are simply those which are ordinarily thrown in at wholesale rates as, for example, the sixth cigar when the article being vended is the proverbial six-for-a-quarter cigar so that at each loading of the machine the owner or proprietor thereof will receive in consideration for the entire number of sales made by said machine the same rate as he would ordinarily receive in a wholesale disposition of the same article, the distinction residing in the fact that the machine is in the nature of a retail salesman.

William M. White probably manufactured and marketed these clocks during the years 1907 to 1912 under the name of William M. White Company. In 1913 the company name was changed to the Loheide Manufacturing Company at which time their product was listed as being chocolate. White may then have convinced the Loheide Company to manufacture the clock under their name, and to use it to stimulate the sale of chocolate. The preceding is conjecture on my part and as such I would be pleased to hear from anyone knowing the real facts.

Figure 9 shows the movement in the clock I have. The time train is essentially a standard type pin lever, 8-day movement. It is obvious, upon inspection of the movement, that it was originally made as a standard time and strike movement since the holes for installing the tripping cam and strike wires exist in the appropriate shafts and arbors, but were never installed. The movement has been modified by installing the coin-dispensing appendage and a special count wheel which allows the coin-dispensing mechanism to eject one, two or three coins. Each time a coin is ejected, the normal strike hammer strikes once on the cathedral type gong mounted in the bottom of the case. A coin, inserted in the slot on the top of the case, initiates the coin-dispensing action. The inserted coin rolls down along the coin entry chute and pushes down the "U"-shaped wire at the bottom of the chute as it passes through on its way to the coin storage box. When the "U"-shaped wire is pushed down, the coin-dispensing mechanism pushes a coin out of the bottom of the output coin reservoir which then rides down the exit chute to the coin return cup on the side of the case. The coin-dispensing mechanism works off the arbor of one of the wheels in the strike train in a reciprocating manner.

Before completing this article, I came across another clock, identical in every respect to my first clock except that this clock has a metal label plate on the front of the clock with the following information on it: Loheide Manufacturing Company, Makers, St. Louis, Mo. Controlled by U. S. Pat. No. 883,886.

Although the name plate implies that the clock is covered by patent number 883,886, dated April 7, 1908, the movement and coin-dispensing mechanism are identical to the clock previously described which is covered by patent number 828,407, dated August 14, 1906. J. G. Huffman, the holder of the April 7, 1908, patent, came up with a modification to the earlier design invented by W. C. Jones to essentially provide a more random payoff scheme as he states in his Specification of Letters Patent:

> *The principal object of the invention is to deliver the extra or gratuitous checks in an irregular, uncertain and indeterminate manner, so that the relative time of discharge of such checks cannot be anticipated by watching the operations of the machine and keeping count of the intervals between the discharges of the gratuitous checks.*

I hope this article has enlightened collectors about the origin and original use of a clock with this unusual coin-dispensing mechanism. Never pass by the opportunity to inspect a common black mantel clock found in antiques shops because one never knows what kind of unique mechanism it might contain.

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I wish to express my thanks to Orville Hagans, Dorothy Hood, President of St. Louis Chapter #14, and the Missouri Historical Society for the help and interest they showed in this project.

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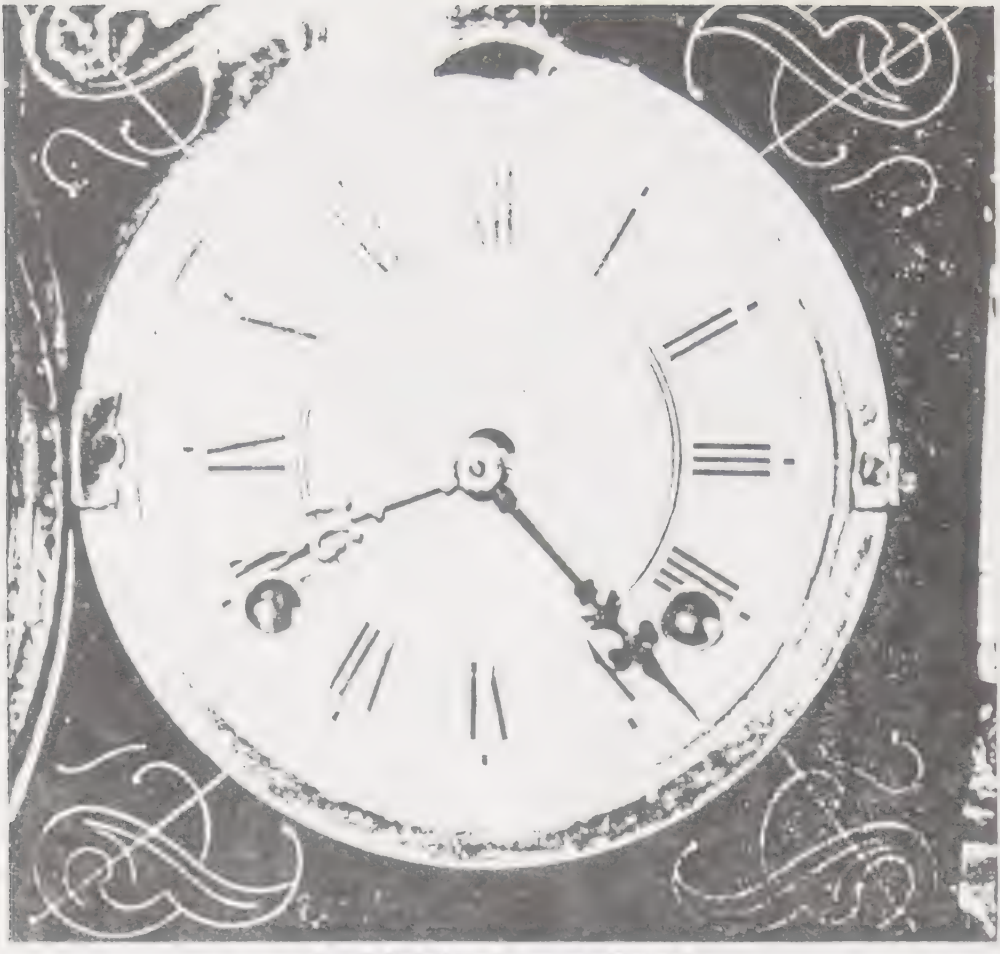

Fig. 3 Dial of clock shown in Figure 2

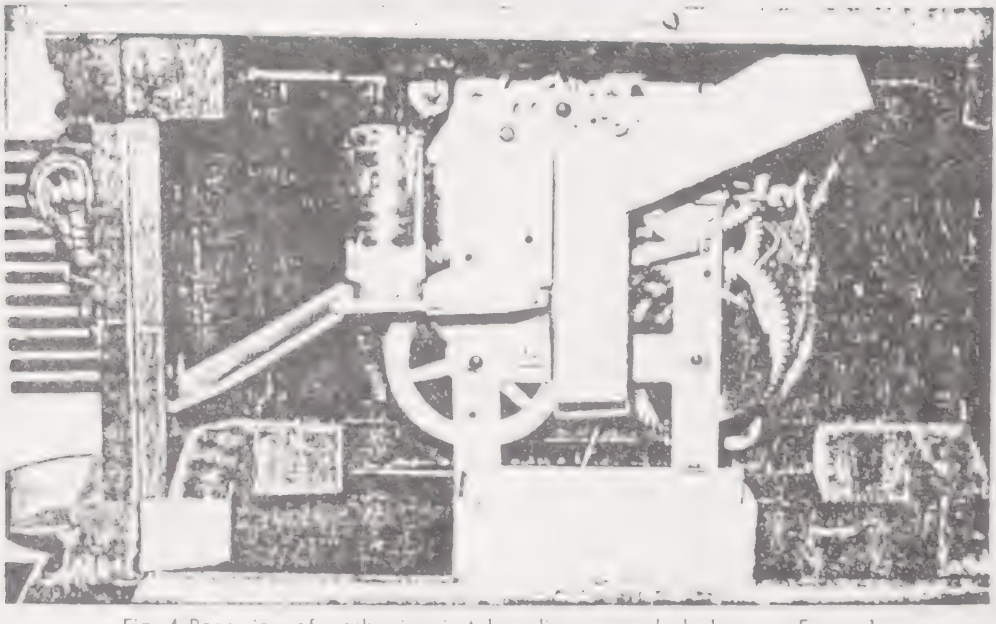

Fig. 4 Rear view of mechanism in token-dispensing clock shown in Figure 1

No. 789,547. PATENTED MAY 9, 1905.

W. C. JONES.

COIN CONTROLLED VENDING MACHINE.

APPLICATION FILED FEB 5, 1903.

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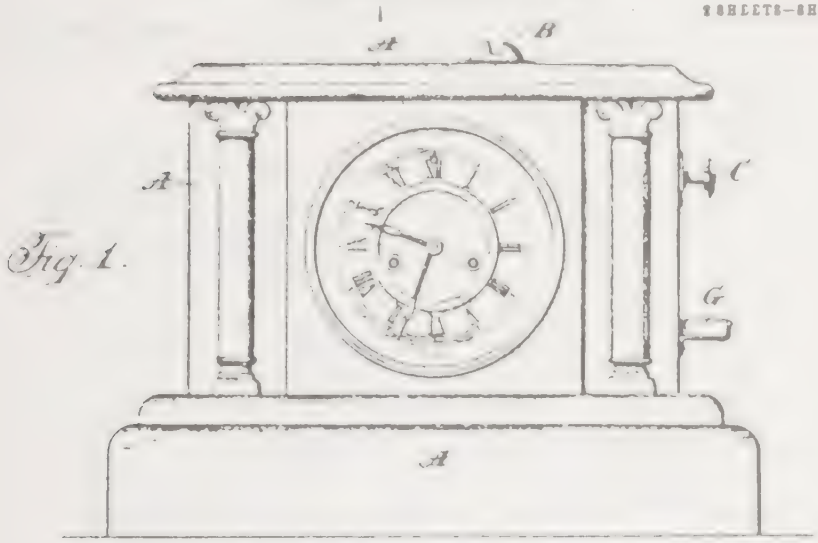

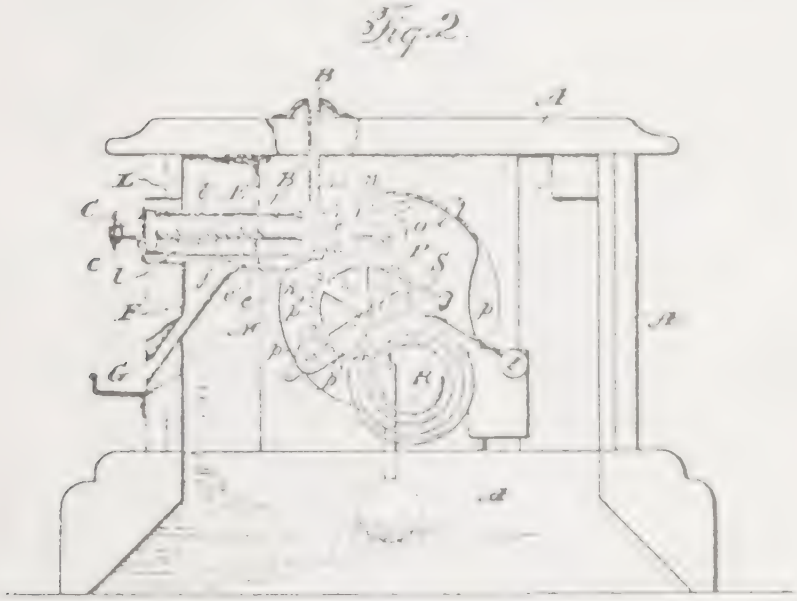

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Fig. 5 W. C. Jones Patent Drawings

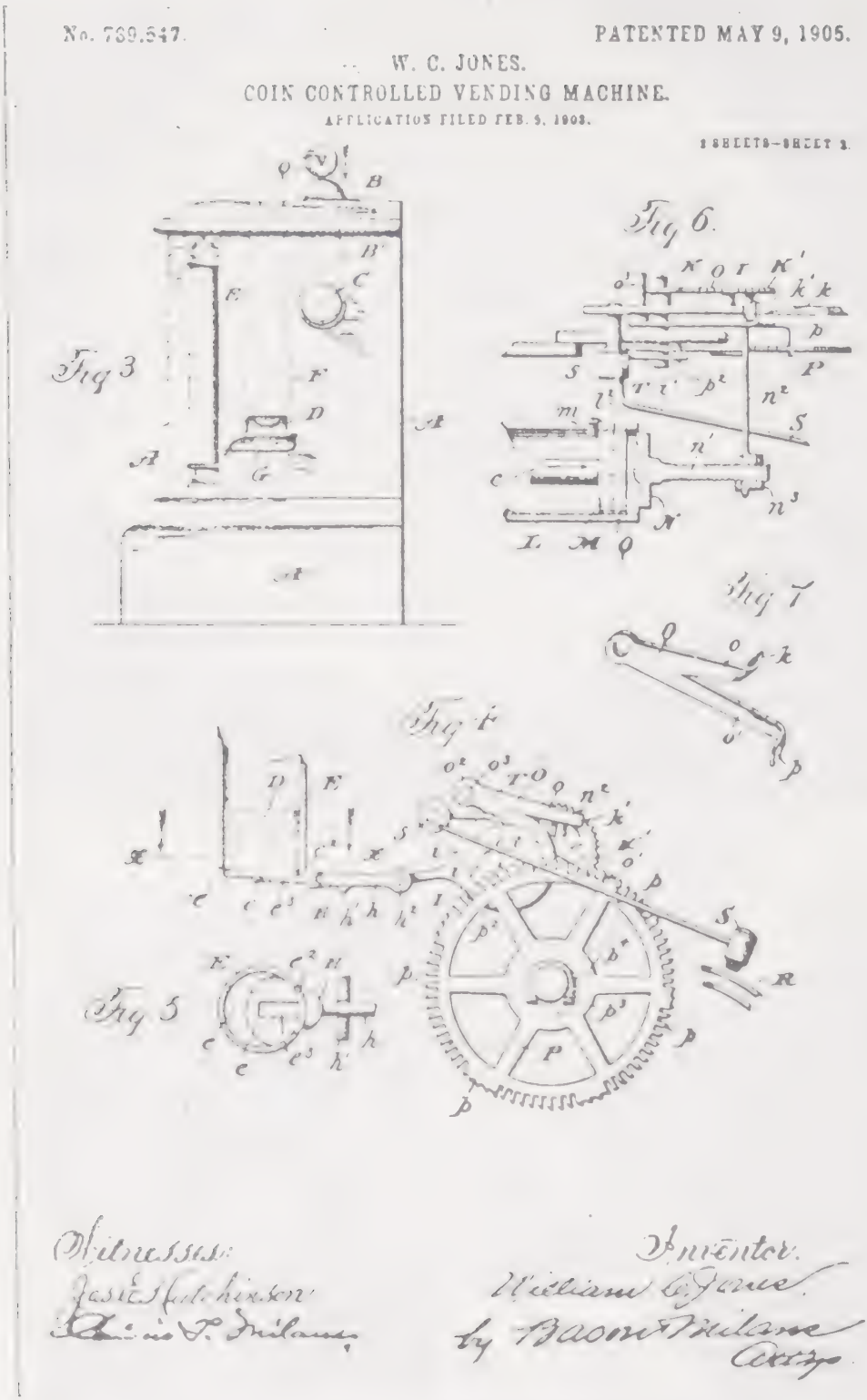

Fig. 6 W. C. Jones Patent Drawings

No. 828,407. PATENTED AUG. 14, 1906.

W. C. JONES.

DISPENSING DEVICE.

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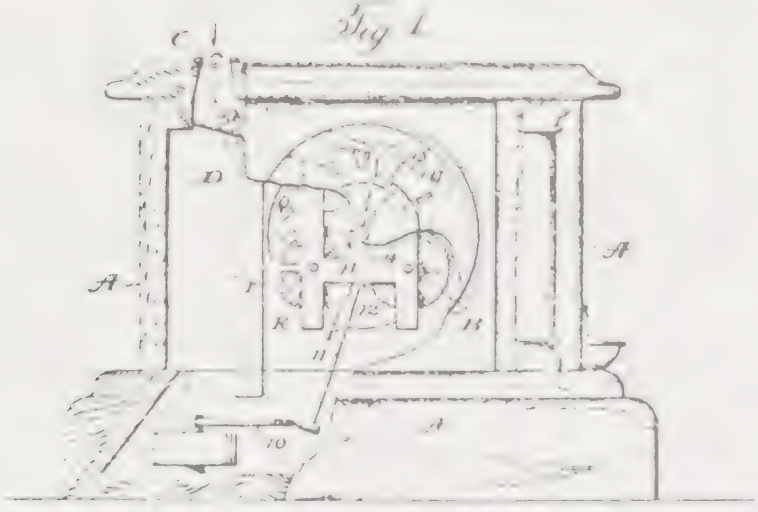

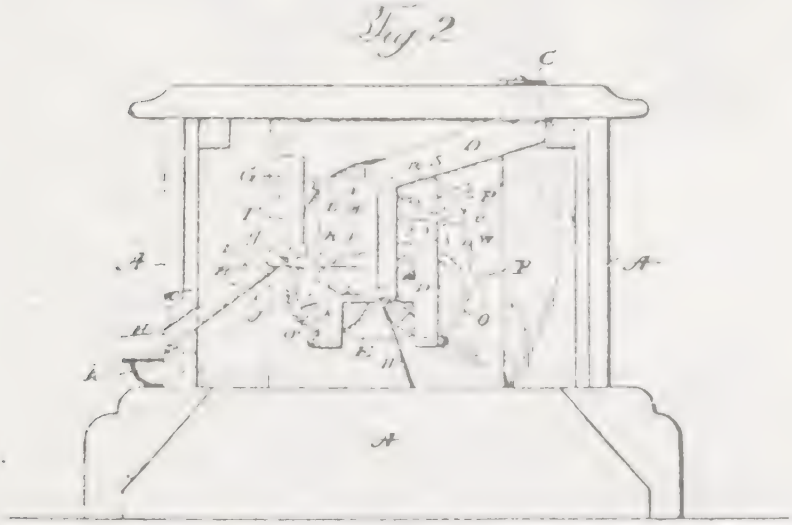

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Fig. 7 W. C. Jones Patent Drawings

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DISPENSING DEVICE.

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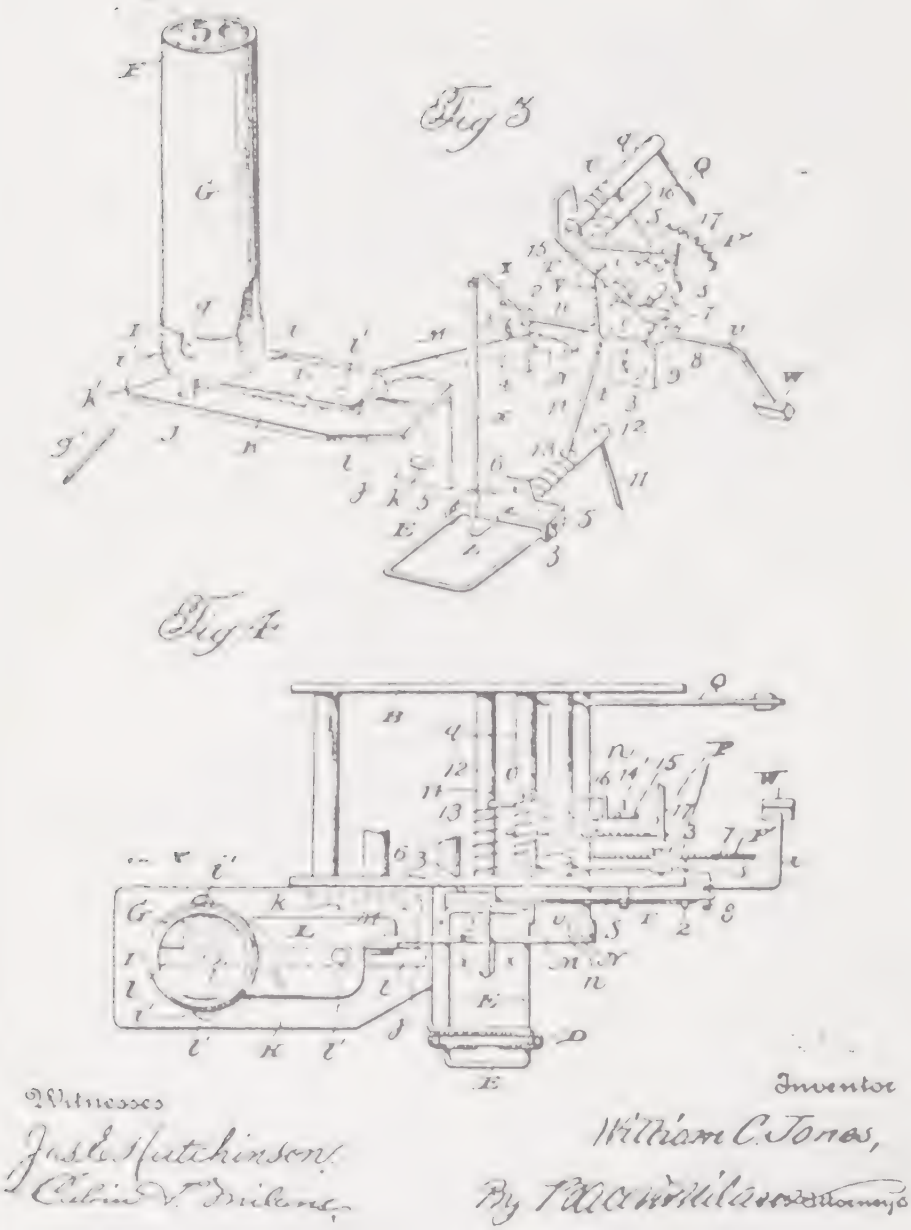

Fig. 8 W. C. Jones Patent Drawings

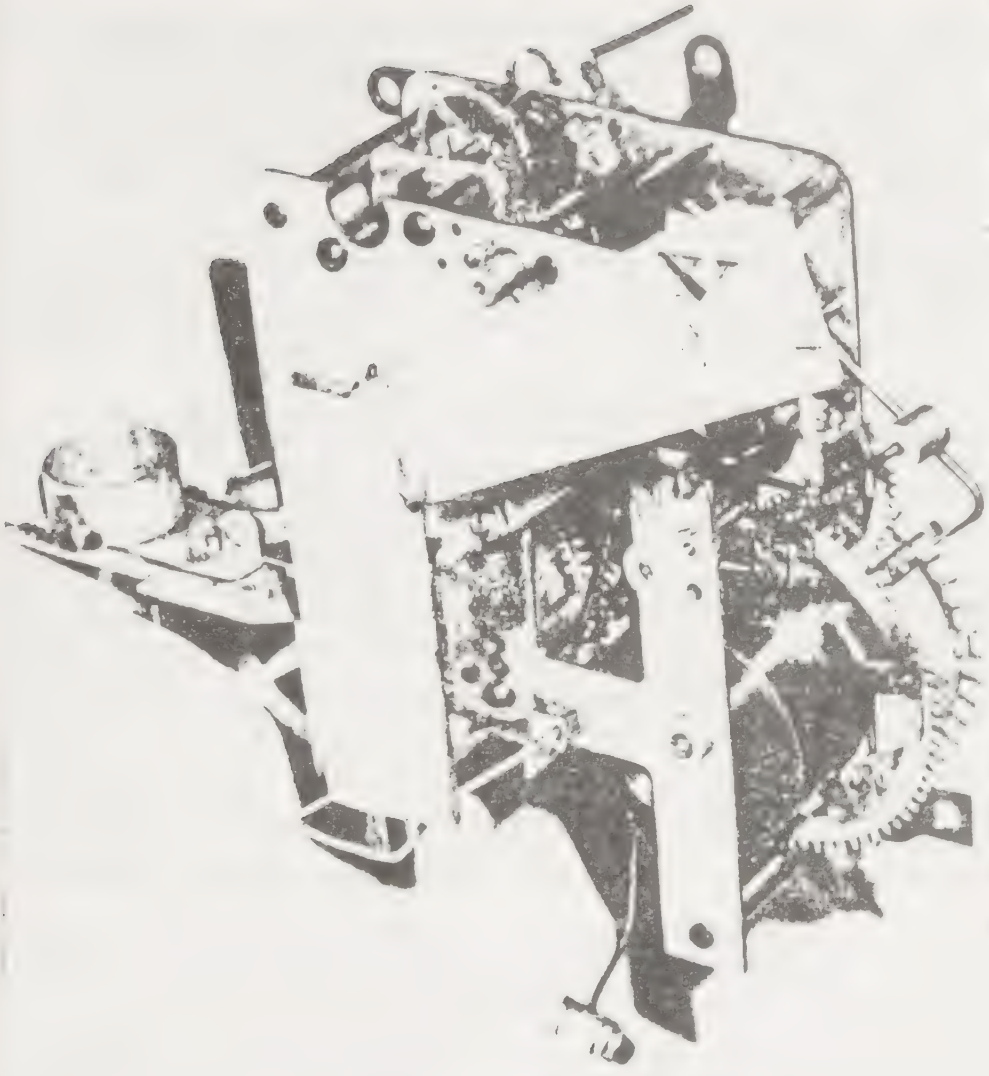

Fig. 9 Movement in the token-dispensing clock

This article, printed in the August 1977 issue of the *BULLETIN* of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc., was submitted for publication by WESTS member Walter Temple; he determined that it was permissable to reprint the article. Walter reports that he owns nine antique clocks, and does clock repairs on the side, and has never seen a token dispensing clock as described in the article.

CLOCK TOKENS?: - The article on the token dispensing clock started my mind working, and searcing through my maverick tokens I located two pieces for "Yale Wonder Clock", 23 mm diameter, aluminum, "good for 5¢ in trade"; on the reverse of each token is inscribed "Clock No. ---" and both have different three digit numbers. All inscriptions are incuse.

Another piece I have is worded "Auto. Cash & Dis. Mach. 10¢ In Trade // Machine No 884". Again, the piece is 23 mm diameter, aluminum, and with incuse inscriptions. This piece also has a small crescent cut-out.

Could these be the type of tokens dispensed by the clocks described? I was rather confident that they were until I saw a slot machine in the form of a clock--when a coin was inserted and the handle pulled, the clock hands rotated around and where they stopped determined the payoff. Still, I think the tokens I describe are probably from the clocks because of their size, which is too large to be fed back into the machine. The tokens awarded by the slot machines were generally the same size as coins so that they could be fed back into the machine. The token dispensing clock would, by virtue of its intended operation, not accept back the tokens it dispensed.

Does anyone else have items of this nature, or does anyone have additional information? - DHF

= REVIEW: *THE BICENTENNIAL TOKENS OF THE PATRICK MINT*, by Jesse Patrick = by Duane H. Feisel

THE BICENTENNIAL TOKENS OF THE PATRICK MINT by Jesse Patrick. 1977. Illustrated. Card cover, stapled binding. Published by the author. $3.50. Order: The Patrick Mint, P.O. Box 16271, San Francisco, CA 94116.

This is a listing of all tokens done during 1976 through The Patrick Mint. Most of the pieces have a bicentennial theme.

Listing is alphabetically by state, alphabetically by location in the state and alphabetically within each location. Catalogue numbers are assigned in the order of listing, and run from 1 through 949.

The stock reverse dies are shown in enlarged photographs, while the obverse dies are depicted by enlarged size hand drawings. I understand that the drawings, originally provided by the die sinker, have been altered to include the die sinking errors which occurred. The drawings are

most useful and probably serve the purpose better than would actual photos.

A list of mavericks is included to provide attribution for those pieces which do not carry the location as part of the obverse inscription.

Pieces are listed for the United States (many from the western states including many for members of WESTS), Australia, Canada, Canal Zone, Costa Rica, Guam, Puerto Rico, and Spain. Also listed are four different series, each of which comprises many pieces.

I think the Patrick Mint pieces will become more and more collected with time. Many of them are easily available now, but there are some hard to obtain items. Now is the time to get a copy of this authorative catalogue! I found especially the introduction which provides a great deal of background information for the series. Patrick Mint continues to supply similar tokens (the Bicentennial theme dies have been destroyed), so perhaps we can look forward to another catalogue for 1977 issues.

COAL SCRIP NEWS: - The October 1977 issue carried a review of the new catalogue of coal scrip by Don Edkins. Copies of that issue were sent to the officers of the National Scrip Collectors Association.

First I heard from Walter Caldwell, editor of the NSCA monthly newsletter *SCRIP TALK*. Walter requested, and received, permission to reprint the review; it appeared in a slightly edited version in that publication.

Then I heard from another NSCA member who informed me that the meaning of "c/s" is "company store." And that makes sense.

Finally, a letter from a prominent NSCA member, Cole S. Cuttle, stated: "Thank you for copy of *WESTERN TOKEN LEDGER*, recently sent. I think it very well done and only wish our *SCRIP TALK* was equal to it. Also many thanks for the good things said about Edkins Catalogue. The criticism is valued, and deserved. I feel we could have done better, and will, next time."

Incidentally, dues to NSCA are only $5.00 per year and include the monthly newsletter, which I think is pretty good--lots of news and information, always a lengthy auction of coal scrip. You can join by sending dues payment to Walter Caldwell, P.O. Box 29, Fayetteville, WV 25840. Please mention my name as sponsor. - DHF

MORE ON THE C.C. JULIAN MEDAL: - In the October 1977 issue was included a rubbing and request for information for a token inscribed "New Monte Cristo / 1927 // C.C. Julian." One response suggested that this was a mining medal from Mexico. Another suggestion was that it was somehow related to a hotel of the same name in Everett, Washington. However, the correct lead came from a non-member who had read the issue, and suggested that it was somehow involved with Chauncey C. Julian, a well-known name in Southern California who was implicated in a huge oil stock swindle in the mid-1920's.

It has taken a lot of digging, but I did learn that the New Monte Cristo Mining Co. was another venture of C.C. Julian. I have even been able to obtain an uncanceled stock certificate for that company, signed by C.C. Julian himself! The company was incorporated in the State of Nevada with principal offices in Reno. I am not sure where the mining property was located, but I find a Monte Cristo Mine in Storey County in the vicinity of Virginia City; further work is needed to determine if there is any relationship with the New Monte Cristo Mining Co.

I anticipate doing an article on this medal and all the information I have located once I have a more complete story. I have learned of the existance of two more specimens of the medal, and holed and worn, and the other quite worn; my piece is uncirculated. - DHF

- REVIEW: *KU KLUX KLAN TOKENS*, by RESEARCH ASSOCIATES - by Duane H. Feisel

KU KLUX KLAN TOKENS by Research Associates, 1977. 20 pp. Illustrated. Card cover, stapled binding. Published by the authors. $2.50. Order: Research Associates, P.O. Box 442, Grand Bay, AL 36541

This handy little catalogue covers Klan tokens, Klan trade tokens and Klan miscellaneous tokens divided into the three periods of major Klan activity--1865 to 1915, 1915 to 1954 and 1954 to 1977. Most of the actual listing is done with photographs couples with information on size and material. Pieces are assigned a catalogue number for collector convenience.

It took me a while to learn that the asterisk following the catalogue number means there is a note pertaining to the piece in a special section of NOTES. I feel the presentation could have been improved by placing the notes together with the listings instead of separate--I kept flipping back and forth from the listings to the notes. The notes do provide useful information including,

in most cases, a deciphering of the mysterious initials which occur on many of the Klan pieces.

Spurious and questionable attribution pieces are listed and noted as such. Such pieces are not priced in the "Suggested Value Guide" printed on the back cover. I am not all that familiar with Klan pieces, but the prices seem to be right based on my limited experience. I wish I had had this booklet a year ago when I sold some Klan pieces! I would have done much better with them!

Several western states pieces are listed including the medal for the Imperial Wizard's visit to California, a Colorado token, a pair of trade tokens from Portland, and (I think the attribution is probably western) another trade token for the Klu Klux Klub.

One place for improvement would be in depicting or describing those items simply listed as "Same:New die".

A total of 83 pieces (some of them one-of-a-kind custom-made) are listed. This is a useful little booklet and well worth having, even if you attribute and evaluate only a single piece.

INDIANA TOKENS: - Work is progressing on developing a catalogue of trade tokens of Indiana by Lloyd E. Wagaman, Route #1 Box 195D, Camby, IN 46113. He is looking for all the help he can get. All "good for" tokens will be listed. Anyone with Indiana tokens for sale, trade or listing should get in touch with Mr. Wagaman. Lloyd is well known as a collector and roller of elongated coins. Back in 1973 he published a nice little catalogue of all the elongated coins he was responsible for rolling. On the basis of that catalogue, I think we can look forward to a worthwhile Indiana token catalogue. - DHF

MORE CARSON CITY MEDALS: - To commemorate the US Bicentennial, the old US Mint in Carson City struck a special medal on a reconditioned old coining press. According to William Wright, WESTS member and chairman of the museum's board of trustees, the old press will be used in striking a continuing series of medals.

The second medal is to show the Nevada State Capitol, constructed in 1870, with a representation of the coining press on the reverse as used for the reverse of the Bicentennial medal. Priced at $2 in bronze, $20 in silver, this medal is scheduled to go on sale on April 1 at the Museum gift shop.

A scene of Genoa, the first town in Nevada, will be on the third medal, planned for release on October 1. - DHF

THANKS FOR THE HELP: - In response to earlier requests for material for the LEDGER, a number of members have come to the aid of our organization and submitted material for publication. Some of this appears in this issue, while other articles are on hand from Ed Saunders, J.L. McPheeters and Jim Andrews for the next issue. As well, I have three or four articles I can write myself as needed to fill out an issue. Still, more articles are wanted from other authors--you work doesn't have to be in perfect literary form. That's what editors are for! It is nice to have differing viewpoints and fresh approaches to collecting. We'll have much more interesting issues that way! - DHF

LAKE HAVASU CITY DOLLARS: - The London Bridge Rotary Club of Lake Havasu City, AZ, has sponsored a series of "good-for" medals which has now reached seven in number with the release of the 1978 $1 trade medal. The token will be accepted at face value through October 1978 in trade at cooperating businesses in the area. It is available by mail for $1 plus 25¢ postage.

A complete set of the first six medals-tokens, 1972 thru 1977 (excluding 1976), housed in a plastic holder, may be ordered for $8 plus $1 postage and hadling costs. The 1976 issue was a Bicentennial commeorative as well, and was struck in .999 fine silver, limited to 1000 pieces. A small number of these are still on hand and available for $15 each, while the supply lasts.

As far as I know, this is the only "token" available to represent the town of Lake Havasu City for those inclined to collect AZ trade tokens by town. - DHF

BIBLE VERSE TOKENS: - Scripture Tokens Ltd., 1528 SE 151st Ave., Portland, OR 97233, is planning a series of 14 tokens with Bible verses on them. There is no name or store card--the tokens will simply be "tokens of Good Will." Made through the Patrick Mint, seven pieces are planned to carry New Testament Living Bible excerpts, while the other seven will be from the Hebrew Masoretic Text. Two tokens will be issued each year through 1983. Those interested in the series should write for information from the issuer. - DHF

COMING NEXT ISSUE

"Hard Times and Deep Snow" - Jim Andrews
"What's Wrong With Aluminum" - Edward L. Saunders
"French Camp: Oldest Town in San Joaquin County, California" - J. L. McPheeters
"Dalbridge's Candy Factory Maverick Attributed" - Ron Lerch & Duane H. Feisel
"Western Tokens of Note" - Duane H. Feisel

AMUSEMENT TOKENS wanted. All kinds. Clean out your junkboxes!
Stephen Alpert 11106 National Bl. Los Angeles, CA 90064

SMALL CA & NV COLLECTION for sale. Some miscellaneous Oklahoma City, O.T., etc., some mavericks. Send SASE for list. Taking offers on one or all.
Phil Balkan 5860 Tobias Ave. Van Nuys, CA 91411

McCARGERS SALOON, Nord, Cal. (But 62A), trade for comparable item or will consider cash offer, List with first letter: wanted all NV exonumia, such as free slot tokens; have some available to swap.
John G. Nicolosi 3002 Galindo St. Oakland, CA 94601

I NEED TO BUY tokens and medals for resale. My son says that I do not know how to write an effective ad. Please sell me your material to prove him wrong.
Bill Williges Box 445 Wheatland, CA 95692

TOKENS AND MEDALS SIGNED KETTLE, K&S, or HK wanted. Many trades available.
Benj Fauver Box 521 Menlo Park, CA 94025

CHRISS IS BACK! After selling much of his collection to help finance a series of surgeries, and then going thru a burglary of remaining material, Chriss Christiansen is back into the collecting hobby. Perhaps you would like to welcome him back by dropping him a line, and maybe even enclose a token or two to help him get going again, at Box 651, Cupertino, CA 95014. We are glad to see you back in action, Chriss!
Duane H. Feisel P.O. Box 1302 Los Altos, CA 94022

WANTED: W.D. THOMPSON token from Ione, Cal. (Ama 43 F).
Orville W. Scharffer Box 649 Sutter Creek, CA 95685

WANTED: Siskiyou, Shasta & Lassen County tokens from California. Also CA & OR encased cents, all dairy and bakery, pictorials.
Ed Saunders 2746 NE 52nd Ave. Portland, OR 97213

WANTED: Nevada material--tokens, wooden nickels, post cards, stocks, etc., etc.
J.L. McPheeters 472 W. Monterey Ave. Stockton, CA 95204

FORT DALLES Post Bakery chits for trade (see October 1977 issue of the LEDGER). Have three pieces of various denominations obtained through an Oregon historical group available in trade for merchant tokens of CA or NV towns needed for my collection.
Ron Lerch P.O. Box 8149 Sacramento, CA 95818

TRADE MASONIC PENNY, Chapter 147, Trona, CA; Kappen's Willits #6; Hansen's Car Wash (East Ely, NV) for Idaho tokens.

John Mutch 3726 Buckingham Ct. Boise, ID 83704

IOWA TOKENS WANTED. Have AZ, CA, CO, IL, IA, MN & MT to offer in trade for items needed.

Robert Lubetkin 3660 Grand Des Moines, IA 50312

MICHIGAN TRADE TOKENS wanted for my collection. Please let me know what you have to offer.

Paul Cunningham Box 1 Tecumseh, MI 49286

WYOMING MERCHANT and transportation tokens wanted. Will buy or trade. Most traders are from western states.

Leo Corpuz P.O. Box 374 Sinclair, WY 82334

GOOD FOR TOKENS in shape of horse's head, dog's head, etc. wanted. Will trsde or buy. Have many traders.

Chuck Littlefield 4841 Hannover St. Louis, MO 63123

BUYING EXPLOSIVE CHECKS. Especially interested in VAF Co. 1 Cap tokens.

Clarence Ziegler 2705 Grace Rd. Port Huron, MI 48060

STEAMER TOKENS WANTED, issued by steamboat or packet companies. Must have a denomination or be "good for" something.

David Schenkman Box 274 Indianhead, MD 20640

SPINNER TOKENS WANTED--buy, trade or just information for listing.

Glenn A. Rome P.O. Box 46071 Seattle, WA 98146

MUSIC TOKENS WANTED! "Good For One Tune" and other tokens referring to music boxes and slot machines, nickelodean pianos. Inquiries answered.

Q. David Bowers 6922 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 600
Los Angeles, CA 90028

EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO ONE FREE SIX-LINE AD IN EACH ISSUE, BUT A DIFFERENT AD MUST BE SUBMITTED EACH TIME--NO STANDING ADS. YOUR AD SHOULD BE WRITTEN (PREFERABLY TYPEWRITTEN) ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER, AND NOT AS PART OF A LETTER. SEND IN AD COPY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

FINAL NOTICE: - See page 98 for a listing of those 1977 WESTS members who have not paid dues for 1978. Unless you are paid up for 1978, this is the last issue of the LEDGER you will be sent. - DHF

Calendar of Coming Events

APRIL 2: Regional WESTS meeting at the home of John Reynolds, 458 W. San Jose, Clovis, Cal. Noon until 5 PM. All token collectors invited.

APRIL 22: WESTS Semi-Annual Membership Meeting, at California State Numismatic Association 62nd Annual Convention and Coin Show, Jack Tar Hotel, Geary & Van Ness, San Francisco. Meeting starts at 3 PM. Preceeded by 1 PM meeting of California Exonomist Society--Charles V. Kappen speaker. Cathedral Hill Room B. CSNA show runs April 21-23; exhibits, bourse. General Chairman: O.L. Wallis, 58 Tan Oak Circle, San Rafael, CA 94903

MAY 20: Regional WESTS meeting at home of Ron Lerch, 2901 Land Park Dr., Sacramento, Cal. Noon until 5 PM. All token collectors invited.

JUNE ??: Regional WESTS meeting in Carson City, NV.

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